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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Further Action on NSSM 229

Several actions were taken at today's CIA meeting on NSSM 229:

- a. The adequacy of the Executive order for compartmentation systems was considered. Subsequent to the meeting the recent letter to Chairman Pike on this subject and the OGC memorandum concerning authority for compartmentation systems (OGC 75-2850) were distributed. Subject to any further comment after review of these documents, it appeared that the provision in the Executive Order 11652 (section 9) is considered satisfactory.
- b. The Federal Advisory Committee Act and S. 5, the so-called Sunshine Government Act, were discussed, and it was concluded that neither of these impact on the Agency and no proposals need be made to the Scowcroft group concerning them.
- c. Mr. Eisenbeiss briefed the group generally on the data index system. He advised that the Agency data index system had been revised to meet the requirements of the Executive order. Costs in making the necessary adjustment were not heavy, but there were some costs and there continues to be some cost in operating it to meet the requirements of the Executive order. He stated further that he knows of no benefit to the Agency flowing from this modified data index system. I also mentioned that DOD had indicated that DOD could establish and maintain the required data index system only on the expenditure of millions of dollars. I did not know what the DOD has done on the matter. I also noted that, in my opinion, there is little value to ICRC in the data index. It was agreed that the Scowcroft group should address itself to the question of the purposes, value, costs, etc. of the data index system as required by the NSC directive implementing Executive Order 11652. At the ICRC meeting of 18 September, that Committee endorsed a proposal that a subcommittee of ICRC also consider this question.


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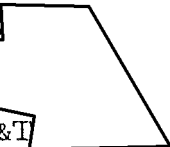
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